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## 10,000 MURDERS.

More than 10,000 murders were committed in the United States during 1921. This is revealed by a check-up conducted by Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company.

Hoffman found that 28 leading cities, with combined population of 20,587,770 had 1910 murders last year.

On a population basis, this is over 10,000 known murders for the whole country. To them must be added the unknown number of murders that are successfully concealed and do not show up in the police reports. These probably run into the thousands.

The death toll should draw a grim smile from the Turks, next time America gets excited about Armenian massacres.

Open pigeonholes in your memory, compare records, and the thought occurs to you that just about as many Americans are murdered as are killed by autos.

Hard to decide, which of the two is more amazing.

Picture a town of 10,000 inhabitants, all murdered in cold blood during one night. A frightful picture. But it's a true picture of the murder situation in so-called civilized America.

Spread out over a gigantic territory and divided among our millions of people, with a murderer here and there, day after day and we lose sight of the terrible total.

Dr. Hoffman found that the 1921 murder rate was a fraction that nine out of every 100,000 Americans.

Allowing for concealed murders that are never definitely discovered (including many "missing persons" cases), a conservative estimate is that one American in every 10,000 is murdered yearly.

Meantime: Your chance of being slain is one in 10,000 each year, one in 1,000 during a period of 10 years. Figure it up over a lifetime and, if you live 100 years, one chance in 100 of being murdered.

A dreadful penalty for permitting the sale of pistols, which are the death instruments in the majority of murders.

The brighter side of the picture is that, while more than 10,000 are murdered in a year, at least 108,000,000 are not murdered. As in all other forms of crime, evil is "far and away" in the minority. That's why evil gets so much attention—it's the exception—the unusual.

Most of us, after all, are decent law-abiding citizens.

## WHAT YOU SEEK.

A mother mouse, pet of a life-term prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary, brings her young into the world by performing a Caesarean operation on herself with her teeth.

If a surgeon had done it, there'd be talk about his intelligence and skill. We are too vain to credit a mouse with intelligence.

The universal self-sacrifice of motherhood is symbolized in the love bestowed by this mother

## A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might—Ephesians 6:10.  
 This is the gospel of Lazarus—  
 Hail ye, ye belts of the Kirk!  
 The Lord of love came down from above  
 To live with the men who work,  
 This is the rose he planted:  
 Here in the thorn-cursed soil;  
 Heaven is blest with perfect rest,  
 But the blessing of earth is lost.  
 —Henry Van Dyke.

mouse. Pain greater than experienced by the wolf which gnaws its leg off to escape from the steel trap.

Commenting on the mother mouse's operation, Dr. J. F. Ballard asks: "Is medical science entitled to the credit that has attended the accomplishment of birth by the Caesarean method, or does that honor rightfully belong to Mother Nature, which man with all his knowledge can hope only to approximate?"

Answer: The credit goes to nature.

All of our inventions and discoveries are reflections of similar processes in nature. From the spider's web man got the idea for the fish net. Steam, naturally lifting a tea kettle lid, suggested the steam engine. The steam shovel is a copy of human arm with cupped hand. The air plane was copied from soaring birds. Paper was made by wasps long before men. So runs the story of progress, indefinitely.

What man calls knowledge is nothing more than a growing realization of what already exists in nature. There are no new ideas. We merely discovered another on the long list that already exists in nature.

Humanity, increasing knowledge, is merely uncovering nature, just as the fisherman digs for worms.

It is wrong with something is wrong with your health, fortunes or state of mind, you probably are the victim of a violation of natural law. Study nature, to learn what to remedy.

Inexorably we are caged in by natural laws. Trouble is the headache resulting from "bumping the head" on one of the cell bars. All evils are caused by violations of natural laws.

## PSYCHO-ANALYSIS

The medical profession is urged to recognize Psycho-analysis by Lord Dawson of Penn, He's the king's physician in England. Ethical doctors should take hand at it he urges, to save patients from being victimized by an army of fakers.

Mental healing has more quick and potent medicine men than ever sold pills and dollar-a-quarture-cures. Be warned. Tinkering with the subconscious mind is more dangerous than taking poisons as medicine except under expert guidance.

## DEBTS TO MOTHER.

Seven mothers die in childbirth for each 1000 live babies that are born in America. This is the average for the last seven years, as shown by the census.

She is a terrible toll and should make all of us realize keenly and indefinitely the vast debt we owe to our mothers, each of whom went down into the valley of the shadow to usher us into the world.

Better news is this: The mothers' death rate in childbirth is slowly declining. For which thank medical science.

What is so rare as a hot dog in winter?

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Too Much Evidence.

Canadian舜帝. A bolegger on trial at Woodward pulled a bonehead that would make this famous Merlin stand look like a star play. His attorney moved for a new trial but the force of the motion was lost when the defendant, in moving about on his chair hit a rock and made an awful sound when it hit the floor. The commotion followed almost amounted to a stampede. No doubt the defendant's counsel will go hereafter that his client was too much evidence around with him.

One of his arms was broken; his position indicated that. Some of his ribs were crushed too—what internal injuries he had that night and how

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



THERE'S SO HOT BY NOON THAT BERTRAM BUZZARD WHO CAME OVER FROM FOOTSTOWN TO SHOW OFF HIS NEW CHRISTMAS FUR COAT WAS FORCED TO CAREER IT ON HIS ARM THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON.

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## WANTS BOOK ECONOMY.

McLean News. The change in test costs for our public schools will cost over one and one-half million dollars this money will come out of the State school fund and will affect every school in the State. Protest from school men all over the State are going in to the Governor. We can see no reason for a change at this time when money is so scarce needed to pay teachers. Practically all school districts in the State have enough books to last along for the next year, but many of these books must be thrown out and new ones bought. Any change in books, under new laws means a loss and when there is no good reason to change the loss is felt keenly. It is to be hoped that the next Legislature will enact a law that will save the schools from all such losses in the future.

## CHAPTER XV

## The Conspirators Disagree

THIS pine knots flickered feebly; and by their light she looked about for Ben's axe. Her eyes rested on the broken gun first; then she saw the little shining in the rain, protruding from beneath a broken hough. She drew it out and snuffed it down.

Her eyes widened in horror. "You don't mean—" "I'm gonna kick in a minute—I ain't hardly been awake," he said. His voice, though feeble, was permanently clear.

She nodded. In that eerie moment of suspense she knew she must hear what he had to tell her.

"Don't wait to see what happens to me, we went on. "I'll either go out or I'll live—you really can't help me." Where's the rifle?"

"I know it was broken—when the tree fell."

"I know it would be. I saw it coming. Beartrice—please, please don't say any more trying to save me."

"Do you think I would go?" she cried.

"You must. The tree—is about gone. Take the pistol. There's six cartridges or so—in the box. The rifle's broken and we can't get meat. It's just—death—if you wait."

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